GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:25
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001
CEASEFIRE IN NAGALAND
CHADA SURESH REDDY;VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government`s decision to extend Nagaland ceasefire to the Naga dominated areas of adjoining States has created wide spread discontent and protests in various North-Eastern States, particularly in Manipur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether public representatives of various North-Eastern States have met the Prime Minister and asked revokation of the ceasefire extention immediately;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;

(e) the details of loss of life and property suffered in these protests, State-wise; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to restore normalcy in various North-Eastern States, particularly in Manipur?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.25 FOR 24TH JULY, 2001 BY COL.(R SONA RAM CHOUDHARY AND SHRI CHADA SURESH REDDY REGARDING CEASEFIRE IN NAGALAND

(a) to (f): There was a sharp reaction in Manipur, particularly in student community, against the extension of cease-fire with NSCN(IM) `without territorial limits`.

2. Chief Minister of Assam has written for review of cease-fire agreement with NSCN(IM) `without territorial limits`Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Shri Mukut Mithi has also taken a similar stand.

3. Elected Representatives of Manipur State met the Home Minister on 23rd June and the Prime Minister on 24th June and on 8th July, 2001. The Prime Minister has assured that the cease-fire agreement including the words `without territorial limits` incorporated in the agreement will be reviewed.

4. There have been incidents of violence and attacks on political leaders in Manipur. State Assembly building and some other buildings were set on fire. 13 students were killed in police firing on 18th June, 2001 and another later succumbed to injuries. Two more deaths-one middle aged lady and one man-have occurred later during this agitation. Reports of violent incidents and loss of property have not been received from any other State of the North-East .

5. A Central Team led by Shri I.D. Swami, Minister of State in my Ministry has visited Imphal to assess the situation on the spotIt has been Clarified to Manipur and other North Eastern States that their territorial integrity will not be disturbed.